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President May Name McCone to Head CIA

Former AEC Boss Mentioned As Most Likely Candidate

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NEWPORT, Sept. 27.—President Kennedy was described authoritatively today as almost ready to announce his choice of a new director of Central Intelligence, replacing Allen W. Dulles who has wanted to leave government for some time.

The name most frequently mentioned in administration circles as the new head of the Central Intelligence Agency was John A. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Sources here and in Washington advised caution in speculation, but conceded that the Republican industrialist seemed close to being named.

Staying at Estate.

The President and his wife flew here from New York yesterday. They are staying at the estate of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, who are in Austria. The estate, Hammarsmith Farm, is on the shore of Narragansett Bay.

The President came to Rhode Island for a brief vacation. After he arrived, however,

there began to develop wisps of information in New York and Washington that Mr. Kennedy might have a major announcement today concerning Mr. Dulles and his successor.

The White House was reluctant to discuss the reports, recalling recent accounts that the CIA post would go to Fowler Hamilton, an international legal expert from New York. Mr. Hamilton later was named head of the new foreign aid agency.

An Industrialist.

Mr. McCone, 59, is a prominent West Coast industrialist with headquarters in San Francisco. He was reported to be in Washington last night, and if he does get the CIA appointment, he was expected to go to Newport to receive it from the President.

He was under secretary of the Air Force in 1950-51 under former President Truman. During World War II, Mr. McCone headed the California Shipbuilding Corp. which produced 467 ships valued at about \$1 billion.



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